

MINUTES
OF THE 13 DECEMBER 1982
MEETING OF THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION

1. The meeting was called to order at 1105 hours in room 7D32, Headquarters. Present were:

Members: Bruce T. Johnson, Chairman

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Consultant:

Representatives:

2. The minutes of the 8 November meeting were approved as submitted. (U)

3. Committee Reports

a. Exhibits

(1) The November Exhibition of Agency Employee Art went very well. The FAC wishes to congratulate [redacted] who coordinated efforts for the successful display.

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(2) The following Exhibit Hall schedule was given by [redacted]

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January - African Photo Exhibit
February - Black History Month
March - Agency Photo Exhibit
April - Marc Mellon Bronzes

(3) The Alcohol Abuse Exhibit will be cancelled; it was scheduled for May or June.

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25X1 (4) May - An Asian Pacific Heritage Week has been requested by [] EEO, to occupy the Exhibit Hall for the entire month. [] will attend the January meeting to present the plans for the proposed exhibit. 25X1

(5) At the suggestion of [] introduced the subject of a Library of Congress Travelling Exhibition entitled "Artists for Victory". It recreates the period 1942-1943. There will be money available to fund the \$1200 cost of this exhibit. The Commission unanimously approved obtaining this exhibit; it will be reserved for August. (U) 25X1

b. Headquarters Annexes Committee

25X1 [] Chairman of the Headquarters Annexes Committee will be retiring from the Agency in January. 25X1 [] took the opportunity to say farewell to the Commission, saying he was very impressed with the dedication of the people involved with the Commission and how much work is contributed to it. He thoroughly enjoyed the behind-the-scene work of the Commission. The last thing that he worked on was the survey of the annex buildings and their problem areas and he appreciated the actions taken by the Office of Logistics in the findings of the Committee. Mr. Johnson mentioned that he and [] had discussed a successor chairman of the Annexes Committee. He thanked [] for all his work and expressed best wishes to him in his retirement. (U) 25X1

c. Exterior Committee

25X1 (1) [] reported on the power line project. Construction will start on 15 January in the Headquarters building. The North Loading Dock and North Road areas will not start until April. There will be reshuffling of pedestrian and vehicular traffic for approximately two months. The bus stop across from the P&P Building will be temporarily relocated just past the corner of that building. A temporary pedestrian path will be put in from the North Parking Lot to this bus stop and from the bus stop to the Headquarters building. He also mentioned that the contract requires returning the landscape to its original shape as closely as possible. [] has been assured by Headquarters Engineering Branch (HEB) that he will be invited to attend the pre-construction meeting. (U) 25X1

(2) An employee complaint was received on the massive tree trimming job that is currently going on in the Headquarters compound. [] talked with the building manager who reported that the tree trimming is 25X1

under the control of a GSA horticulturist who is a specialist in tree care. [] is satisfied with the report that the trimmers know what they are doing and the FAC does not have to be concerned. Any further complaints received by the members of the FAC should be referred to [] (U)

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4. Old Business

a. Exterior Signs and Road Signs. [] reported on the meeting with John Mayer of Creative Signage. He did not agree with Office of Security's request for painting arrows on road surfaces, but he will give it further consideration. He said the difficulty with visitor parking in A Lane is not enough spaces. [] checked into perimeter road parking space. More spaces cannot be allotted to the A Lane area so the alternative is to do something with the signs to keep visitors from parking in staff parking areas and getting ticketed. [] offered to redesign the handout map to clearly indicate the availability of alternative parking in West Parking. John Mayer will return with designs for rewording the directional signs to A Lane and with a sign at A Lane indicating additional parking spaces in West Parking. He will also remessage the directionals to West Parking to keep visitors from parking in South Parking in error.

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It was mentioned that since the annual reallocation of parking spaces in October, the West Parking Lot spaces are scarce and employees are parking on the grassy areas and that the back part of South Parking is two-thirds empty. Also that in West Parking numerous spaces are reserved for motor pool vehicles. Office of Logistics is studying the unequitable assignment of parking spaces which has overcrowded West Parking Lot. Mr. Johnson will make enquiries on the motor pool parking spaces. (U)

b. [] reported on a meeting chaired by John Pickeral, GSA Building Manager, in attendance were [] of OL/Space Maintenance, and Jay Cohen, Traffic Engineer for GSA. Mr. Cohen stated that the Headquarters building and compound is a GSA-owned property and must conform to GSA regulations for traffic signs. The Department of Energy and CIA were mentioned as not in conformance and both are being surveyed by the Traffic Engineer and standard signs, rerouting of traffic in some areas, and line painting are being planned and will be implemented by GSA.

This spring GSA plans to replace all the signs. In the summer, they plan to repaint lines and add several pedestrian crossings. They will add additional signs mid way down the lanes. A negative response was given to [] suggestion of painting lane letters in individual spaces with numbers; in fact, according to the GSA plan, the spaces would

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not have numbers any more, it would be first come first served. Carpools would not have assigned spaces and only one permit card would be issued per carpool to be passed around between the members. It would not be sufficient to be parked in one's properly assigned area, the parking permit must be displayed in the car window or else a parking violation would be issued. A reminder was given about booting cars and the only key for boots will be in Arlington. There would be no speed limit signs throughout the compound, only at the entrances.

There is too much congestion at the Northeast entrance and GSA wants to make it one way, west to east. They say it will be better for the handicapped and better generally, but their proposal involves a traffic routing which would be far less convenient.

On a more positive note, they have redesigned the traffic triangle at the Route 123 entrance, which will be much clearer to motorists.

The last item they brought up was the possibility that the roads in the compound could be given names.

The immediate reaction of the FAC to this report was that the GSA signs are suitable for highways but inappropriate for this type of compound. (The FAC position on the proposal has been incorporated in a memorandum for the record prepared for the Director of Logistics by

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c. Fence near South Cafeteria. [redacted] reported that the safety fence near the South Cafeteria over the underground propane gas tanks can be reduced to an area covering a radius of 25 feet as the FAC has requested, rather than the original 50 ft. radius. [redacted]

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d. Medallion for Melzac. The DCI will be presenting the Agency Seal Medallion to Vincent Melzac on Friday, 17 December, at 1100 hours. Mr. Johnson had provided the names of the Commission members and those who come frequently to the meetings for the guest list. He asked the Committee Chairmen to ask their committee members if they would like to attend the ceremony. Mr. Johnson reported that Mr. Melzac was overwhelmed that he was going to be recognized in this manner. After the presentation ceremony, Mr. Melzac will be taken to lunch in the Executive Dining Room. Suggestions for participants to this luncheon were requested and [redacted] was immediately nominated. Other members present will be [redacted]

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e. Portrait Painters. Mr. Johnson reported that [redacted] had sent him a clipping about the portraitist who

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25X1 had done Cyrus Vance for the State Department, Everett Kinstler. This led to a telephone conversation with a member of the Curator's staff at State, which provided more information about Kinstler and several other leads to portraitists. Coincidentally, [] had included some information about Kinstler in a packet of information he had provided to the Chairman. The other artist he suggested was John Sanden. The FAC looked at examples of the work of both artists and agreed that they belonged on any list of suggested painters for DCI portraits. Mr. Johnson will meet with [] after the first of the year to prepare a list of artists to present to the DCI for his consideration. (U)

5. New Business

25X1 a. Public Affairs Display Case. In response to a request, [] reported that the Public Affairs (PA) display in the case standing near the PA bulletin board in the South Cafeteria corridor is only temporary and will be taken down after Christmas. (U)

25X1 b. Christmas Decorations. The EAA Christmas tree was relocated to a landing in the main concourse because the usual spot for it is now occupied by the Spaventa statue. [] inserted a comment made to her during her GSA Traffic Engineer meeting, that the Building Manager said GSA should have been consulted about the Christmas tree because it could be a hazard if knocked down by people using the steps. (U)

25X1 c. Mr. Johnson has talked to [] Chief of the Building Planning Staff, about the question of art and sculpture in the new building. The law provides for a reserve for decorative purposes and a sum has been set aside for these purchases. It was clearly indicated to Mr. Johnson that the FAC would be consulted. There is nothing much to be done now but Mr. Johnson wanted to let the Commission know that this discussion had been held. (U)

25X1 d. Mr. Johnson reported that a formal protest was sent to GSA regarding damage to the platform on which the Spaventa statue stands. Apparently through carelessness in handling a cart or wagon, a large strip of Formica came off the platform. GSA responded quickly and replaced the entire panel. (U)

25X1 e. [] reported that the CIA Library redecoration has now been completed. (U)

f. Mr. Johnson announced that he will be moving from Director of Data Processing to become an Inspector on the Inspector General Staff effective 3 January. The DDA has expressed his desire that Mr. Johnson continue as Chairman of

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the Fine Arts Commission and the IG is in accordance. The IG Staff will provide secretarial support to the FAC. (U)

6. The next meeting of the FAC will be held on Monday, 10 January at 1100 hours in room 7D32. (U)

7. The meeting was adjourned at 1215 hours. (U)

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